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TO:

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM:

Robert T. Kenney, Director

SUBJECT: BOARD OF APPEAL REFERRALS

Hearing: 8/10/76

Petition No. Z-3591 Jaysen Properties, Inc. George S. Isenberg 727-729 Atlantic Avenue, Boston

at Beach Street

Six-story structure - manufacturing (M-8) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from offices to five studio-dwelling units,

offices, warehouse.

Violation:

Section 8-7. Multi-family dwelling is conditional in an M-8 district.

Studio-dwelling units would provide needed space for artists and help occupy otherwise vacant buildings. Recommend approval with proviso.

VOTED:

In reference to Petition No. Z-3591, brought by Jaysen Properties, Inc., 727-729 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, for a conditional use for a change of occupancy from offices to five studio-dwelling units, offices, and warehouse in a manufacturing (M-8) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval provided the units meet the Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation of the State Sanitary Code and the minimum requirements of the Building Department for this type of use.



Hearing: 8/3/76

Petition No. Z-3612
Mary A. Antonellis
89 Antwerp Street, Brighton
near Holton Street

4,724 square feet of vacant land - residential (R-.8) district.

Purpose: to erect one-family dwelling.

Violations:

Required Proposed

Section 14-1. Lot area is insufficient. 5,000 sq. ft. 4,724 sq. ft.

Section 19-1. Side yard is insufficient. 10 ft. 6 ft.

Proposal is compatible with site and neighborhood. Violations are minimal. Recommend approval with design review proviso.

VOTED:

In reference to Petition No. Z-3612, brought by Mary A. Antonellis, 89 Antwerp Street, Brighton, for two variances to erect a one-family dwelling in a residential (R-.8) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval provided plans, inclusive of rear yard off-street parking, be submitted to the Authority for design review.



Hearing: 8/24/76

Petition No. Z-3621 Linda Tramontozzi 664(R) Washington Street, Brighton near Tip Top Street

12-story frame structure - residential (R-.5) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from carriage house to three-family dwelling.

Violations:		Required	Proposed
Section 8-7.	A three-family dwelling is for- bidden in an R5 district.		
Section 10-1.	Off-street parking not allowed in required front yard.		
Section 14-1.	Lot area is insufficient.	2 acres	14,257 sq. ft.
Section 14-3	Lot width is insufficient.	200 ft.	66 ft.
Section 14-4.	Street frontage is insufficient.	200 ft.	66 ft.
Section 14-5.	Distance between buildings is insufficient.	80 ft.	34 ft.
Section 14-5.	Access is insufficient.	25 ft.	0

Proposed density is excessive and contrary to the existing residential nature of the neighborhood. Parking proposal is also inadequate. Two units would be more appropriate for the site. Recommend approval with provisos.

VOTED: I

In reference to Petition No. Z-3621, brought by Linda Tramontozzi, 664(R) Washington Street, Brighton, for a forbidden use and six variances for a change of occupancy from carriage house to three-family dwelling in a residential (R-.5) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval provided proposed density is reduced to a more appropriate two units and such plans are submitted to the Authority for design review.



Hearing: 8/24/76

Petition No. Z-3625 Oste Chevrolet, Inc. 1065 Commonwealth Avenue, Allston at Alcorn Street

Two-story structure - general business (B-2) district.

Purpose: to erect 15' x 15' double face sign on roof.

Violation:

Section 11-2. The top of a sign attached to a building may be no higher than the lowest point of the roof surface.

Proposal would intensify existing sign pollution, would further detract from this area of Commonwealth Avenue, and is contrary to the objectives of the sign code. Recommend denial.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3625, brought by Oste Chevrolet, Inc., 1065 Commonwealth Avenue, Allston, for a conditional use to erect a double face roof sign in a general business (B-2) - district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial. Proposal would intensify existing sign pollution, would further detract from this area of Commonwealth Avenue, and would be contrary to the objectives of the sign code.



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Hearing: 8/10/76

Petition No. Z-3627 John A. Moore 1047-1049 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan near Brookview Street

One-story masonry structure - local business (L-1) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from three-car garage to two-car garage, taxi

office, parking of cabs and employees' cars.

Violation:

Section 8-7. A rental agency storing, servicing and/or washing rental motor vehicles is forbidden in an L-1 district.

Facility, which has been in operation for some time, allows outdoor storage of dismantled cars and is an eyesore and blighting influence on abutting residential uses. Recommend denial unless entire operation is fully enclosed within a building.

VOTED:

In reference to Petition No. Z-3627, brought by John W. Moore, 1047-1049 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, for a forbidden use for a change of occupancy from three-car garage to two-car garage, taxi office, and exterior parking/servicing of taxi cabs in a local business (L-1) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial. Facility, which has been in operation for some time, allows outdoor storage of dismantled cars, is an eyesore and blighting influence on abutting residential uses, and should be fully enclosed within a building.



Hearing: 8/24/76

Petition No. Z-3630
Francis W. Moynihan
1022 Bennington Street, East Boston
near Antrim Street

Three-story masonry structure - local business (L-1) district.

Purpose: to legalize occupancy - four apartments and retail store.

Violations: Required Proposed

Section 8-7. Any dwelling converted for more families which does not meet the requirements for lot area and open space is forbidden in an L-1 district.

Section 14-2. Lot area is insufficent. 9,500 sq. ft. 2,700 sq. ft.

Section 17-1. Open space is insufficent. 800 sq. ft. 240 sq. ft.

Density is consistent with surrounding properties and adjacent residential neighborhood. Recommend approval.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3630, brought by Francis W.

Moynihan, 1022 Bennington Street, East Boston, for a forbidden
use and two variances to legalize occupancy for four
apartments and a retail store in a local business (L-1) district,
the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval.

Density is consistent with surrounding properties and adjacent
residential neighborhood.



Hearing: 8/24/76

Petition No. Z-3631 Kasanof's Baking Company, Inc. 215-233 Blue Hill Avenue and 55 Edgewood Street, Roxbury

Commercial bakery complex - apartment (H-1-D) and local business (L-1-D) planned development area subdistricts.

Purpose: to erect two additions; to use premises for accessory parking.

Violations:		Required	Proposed
Section 8-7.	Manufacturing of food products is forbidden in H-1-D and L-1-D districts.		
Section 9-1.	Extension of a nonconforming use require a Board of Appeal hearing.	S	
Section 18-1.	Front yard is insufficient (Blue Hill Avenue).	15/ft.	0
Section 18-3.	Corner traffic visibility is insufficien	t.	-
Section 18-4.	Front yard is insufficient (Edgewood).	15 ft.	0

Proposed development would house six flour silos and accommodate all loading operations, thereby reducing commercial traffic and noise impact on surrounding community. This development plan was approved by the Authority on March 25, and by the Zoning Commission through the granting of a Planned Development Area on April 22. Recommend approval with proviso.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3631, brought by Kasanof's Baking Company, Inc., 215-233 Blue Hill Avenue and 55 Edgewood Street, Roxbury, for a forbidden use, an extension of a nonconforming use, and three exceptions in apartment (H-1-D) and local business (L-1-D) planned development area subdistricts, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval provided plans are submitted to the Authority for design review.



Hearing: 8/24/76

Petition No. Z-3632 William Lillys 32 Cordis Street, Charlestown near High Street

Three-story frame structure - apartment (H-1) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from one-family to three-family dwelling.

Violations:

Required Proposed

Section 8-7.

Any dwelling converted for more families which does not meet the requirement for lot area is forbidden in an H-1 district.

Section 14-2. Lot area is insufficient.

7,000 sq. ft. 5,500 sq. ft.

Proposal would include exterior and interior rehabilitation and landscaping. Conversion would be consistent with existing residential character of the area. Recommend approval.

VOTED:

In reference to Petition No. Z-3632, brought by William Lillys, 32 Cordis Street, in the Charlestown Urban Renewal area, for a forbidden use and a variance for a change of occupancy from a one-family dwelling to a three-family dwelling in an apartment (H-1) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Proposal would improve the property and would be consistent with existing residential character of the area.



Hearing: 8/10/76

Petition No. Z-3640 Rose Associates 637659 Atlantic Avenue, Boston near Essex Street

Five-story structure - manufacturing (M8) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from retail stores to eight studio apartments

and restaurant.

Violation:

Section 8-7. Eight apartment units are conditional in an M-8 district.

Parcel is subject to acquisition and demolition under the South Station Urban Renewal Project plan. Recommend denial.

VOTED:

In reference to Petition No. Z-3640, brought by Rose Associates, 637-659 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, for a conditional use for a change of occupancy from retail stores to eight studio apartments in a manufacturing (M-8) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial. Subject parcel is proposed for acquisition and demolition under the South Station Urban Renewal plan.



Hearing:	8/10/76	Petition No. Z-3641		
	•	Near East Baking Co.		
		Joseph Ganame		
		5268 Washington Street, West Roxbury		
		at Birchwood Street		

One-story structures - local business (L-.5) district.

Purpose: to erect two one-story additions to retail bakery structure.

Violation: Required Proposed
Section 18-1. Front yard is insufficient. 15 ft. 0

Proposal would increase the existing small retail area and provide a more efficient operation. Building alignment would be similar to that of adjacent properties. There is no apparent community opposition. Recommend approval.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3641, brought by the Near East Baking Co., 5268 Washington Street, West Roxbury, for a variance to erect two onestory additions to a retail bakery structure in a local business (L-.5) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Building alignment would be similar to that of adjacent properties. There is no apparent opposition.



Hearing: 8/3/76

Petition No. Z-3643

Paul D. Slater (owner)

Northeastern University

464 Huntington Avenue, Roxbury

near Parker Street

Five-story structure - apartment (H-2) district. Building damaged by fire and now vacant.

Purpose: to change occupancy from 36 apartments to university dormitory.

Violation:

Section 8-7. A dormitory not on the same lot as, but accessory to, a university, is conditional in an H-2 district.

Proposed occupancy for student quarters is in accordance with Northeastern University Master Plan and community objectives that building be preserved from demolition and rehabilitated for residential use. FenPAC agrees that proposed use is reasonable, but recommends delay in approval until the University has satisfactorily resolved certain other issues with regard to their Master Plan and disposition of other properties. BRA staff concurs. Recommend denial pending resolution of Master Plan.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3643, brought by Paul D. Slater and Northeastern University, 464 Huntington Avenue, in the Fenway Urban Renewal Area, for a conditional use and a variance for a change of occupancy from 36 apartments to University dormitory in an apartment (H-2) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial pending resolution of certain elements of Master Plan with community and Authority staff and agreement to conform to City's Policies for Development of Medical and Educational Institutions regarding payments in lieu of taxes.



Hearing: 8/24/76

Petition No. Z-3644
Interstate Uniform Services Corp.
80 East Cottage Street, Dorchester
near Norfolk Avenue

One-story masonry structure - manufacturing (M-1) district.

Purpose: to erect one-story addition to laundry plant.

Violation: Required Proposed

Section 20-1. Rear yard is insufficient. 20 ft. 2 ft.

Addition would be used for accessory warehouse and storage for laundry plant. Site has adequate access, parking, and loading facilities. Recommend approval with design review proviso.

VOTED:

In reference to Petition No. Z-3644, brought by Interstate Uniform Services Corp., 8 East Cottage Street, Dorchester, for a variance to erect a one-story addition to a laundry plant in a manufacturing (M-1) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval provided plans, inclusive of rear yard landscaping, are submitted to the Authority for design review.



Hearing: 8/10/76

Petition No. Z-3649

Louis J. Titus

122 Eastwood Circuit, West Roxbury

near Laurie Avenue

Enclosed roof porch attached to one-family dwelling - single family (S-.5) district.

Purpose: to legalize one-family dwelling and sun porch.

Violation:

Required Proposed
9 ft. 4 ft.

Section 19-1. Side yard is insufficient.

Proposal would legalize an existing condition of many years and enable petitioner to sell property. Recommend approval.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3649, brought by Louis J. Titus, 122 Eastwood Circuit, West Roxbury, for a variance to legalize one-family dwelling and sun porch in a single-family (S-.5) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Minimal violation has had no apparent adverse effect on abutting residence.



